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SOME OF THE SURVIVORS SAID CLA --
-- I MEAN SUPERMAN WAS TAKEN AWAY UNCONSCIOUS, BUT NO ONE WILL TELL US ANYTHING.
I CAN'T REACH LOIS, AND I'M REALLY SCARED, LANA. HAVE YOU HEARD ANYTHING?
NO, BUT WE'LL FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM, I PROMISE. AND I'M SURE HE'S FINE.
I KNOW HE WAS KILLED ONCE BEFORE, AND I CERTAINLY DON'T DOUBT IT COULD HAPPEN AGAIN, I JUST --
HE'S SUPERMAN, YOU KNOW. IT'S NOT THE EASIEST THING IN THE WORLD TO --
SUPERMAN IS DEAD.
OR HE MAY NEARLY BE SO, INJECTED WITH SOME FORM OF POISON, AND BEATEN SENSELESS BY A RANDOM VILLAIN.
I'M JACK RYDER FOR CHANNEL 6 NEWS HERE IN FRONT OF S.T.A.R. LABS --
-- WHERE MOMENTS AGO SUPERMAN'S APPARENTLY LIFELESS BODY WAS BROUGHT IN BY THE YOUNG HERO CALLING HIMSELF "SUPERBOY."
AS SOON AS WE HAVE ANSWERS FROM INSIDE, I WILL WAVE A BLUE FLAG FOR ALIVE, GREEN FOR INJURED, OR RED FOR DEAD.
LORD KNOWS HE COULD BE DEAD ONE MINUTE AND ALIVE THE NEXT -- IT'S HAPPENED BEFORE --
BUT FOR NOW, EARLY SOURCES INDICATE THAT THE HERO OF METROPOLIS KNOWN TO ONE AND ALL AS SUPERMAN --

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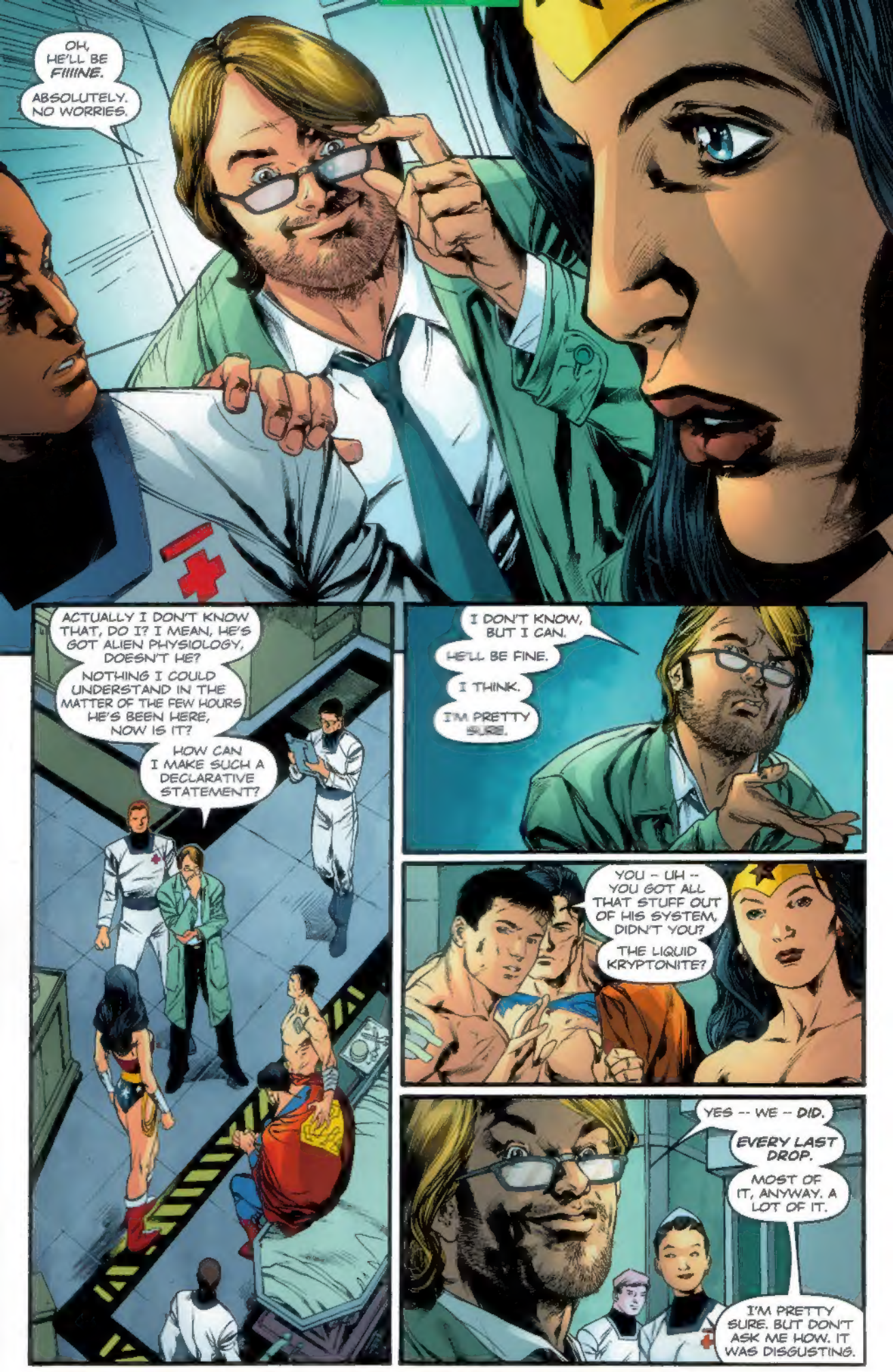
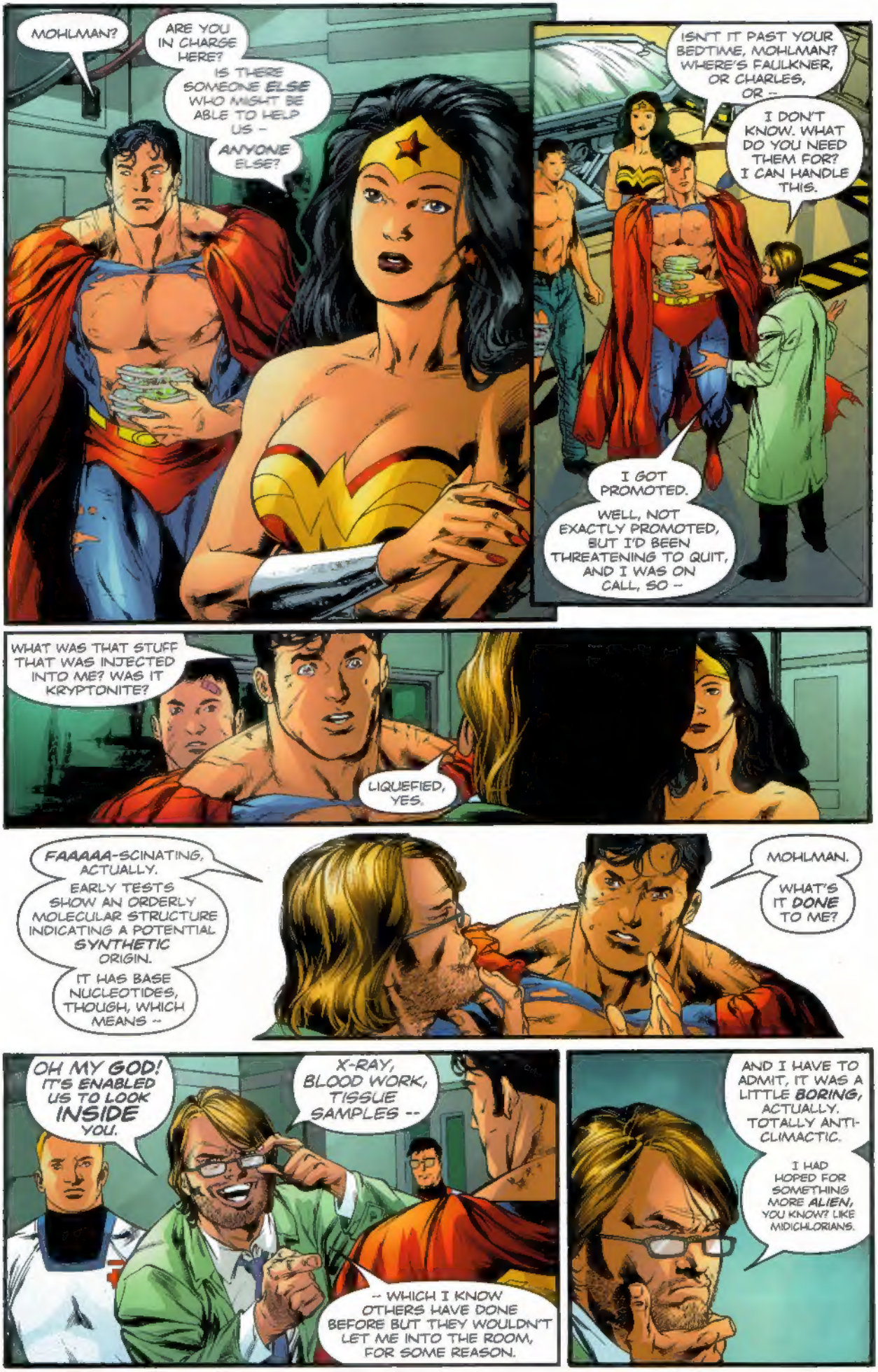
KN-CHUNK!
NOTHING! STILL FLATLINE!
LET'S HIT HIM AGAIN!
CLEAR!

OKAY. ENOUGH.
THAT REALLY HURTS.
YOU'RE ALIVE!
WHAT HAPPENED TO THE CRAZY GOLDEN GUY WITH THE HORNS?
I DON'T KNOW.
THERE WASN'T A SCRATCH ON HIM, BUT HE JUST STOPPED, DISAPPEARED.
SO HE'S STILL OUT THERE. GREAT.
DUDE, I WAS REALLY WORRIED. YOU SURE YOU'RE OKAY?
IS HE OKAY?


OH, HE'LL BE FIIIINE.
ABSOLUTELY. NO WORRIES.
ACTUALLY I DON'T KNOW THAT, DO I? I MEAN, HE'S GOT ALIEN PHYSIOLOGY, DOESN'T HE?
NOTHING I COULD UNDERSTAND IN THE MATTER OF THE FEW HOURS HE'S BEEN HERE, NOW IS IT?
HOW CAN I MAKE SUCH A DECLARATIVE STATEMENT?
I DON'T KNOW, BUT I CAN.
HE'LL BE FINE.
I THINK.
I'M PRETTY SURE.
YOU - UH -- YOU GOT ALL THAT STUFF OUT OF HIS SYSTEM, DIDN'T YOU?
THE LIQUID KRYPTONITE?
YES -- WE -- DID.
EVERY LAST DROP.
MOST OF IT, ANYWAY. A LOT OF IT.
I'M PRETTY SURE. BUT DON'T ASK ME HOW. IT WAS DISGUSTING.


MOHLMAN?
ARE YOU IN CHARGE HERE?
IS THERE SOMEONE ELSE WHO MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP US --
ANYONE ELSE?
ISN'T IT PAST YOUR BEDTIME, MOHLMAN? WHERE'S FAULKNER, OR CHARLES, OR --
I DON'T KNOW. WHAT DO YOU NEED THEM FOR? I CAN HANDLE THIS.
I GOT PROMOTED.
WELL, NOT EXACTLY PROMOTED, BUT I'D BEEN THREATENING TO QUIT, AND I WAS ON CALL, SO --
WHAT WAS THAT STUFF THAT WAS INJECTED INTO ME? WAS IT KRYPTONITE?
LIQUEFIED, YES.
FAAAAA-SCINATING, ACTUALLY.
EARLY TESTS SHOW AN ORDERLY MOLECULAR STRUCTURE INDICATING A POTENTIAL SYNTHETIC ORIGIN.
IT HAS BASE NUCLEOTIDES, THOUGH, WHICH MEANS --
MOHLMAN.
WHAT'S IT DONE TO ME?
OH MY GOD! IT'S ENABLED US TO LOOK INSIDE YOU.
X-RAY, BLOOD WORK, TISSUE SAMPLES --
-- WHICH I KNOW OTHERS HAVE DONE BEFORE BUT THEY WOULDN'T LET ME INTO THE ROOM, FOR SOME REASON.
AND I HAVE TO ADMIT, IT WAS A LITTLE BORING, ACTUALLY. TOTALLY ANTI-CLIMACTIC.
I HAD HOPED FOR SOMETHING MORE ALIEN, YOU KNOW? LIKE MIDICHLORIANS.

BUT --
-- AND THIS IS, LIKE, SOOO HUGE --
DID YOU KNOW YOUR APPENDIX IS A FULLY FORMED ORGAN?
I, FOR ONE, THINK WE SHOULD REMOVE IT AND DO SOME SERIOUS ANALYSIS, SO IF YOU'LL CONSENT TO AN OPERATION --
MOHLMAN.
-- IT WOULD BE MINIMALLY INVASIVE --
MOHLMAN.
IT WOULD TAKE FIVE MINUTES. AN HOUR TOPS.
MOHLMAN. I MEANT --
-- HOW HAS IT AFFECTED ME?
ME PERSONALLY. ME PHYSICALLY.
MY STRENGTH? MY POWERS? MY INVULNERABILITY?
MY LIFE, MOHLMAN?
IS MY LIFE IN DANGER WITH THIS STUFF COURSING THROUGH ME?
WELL, YOU WERE DEAD UNTIL JUST A MINUTE AGO.
AND --
-- HOW AM I NOW?
HOW SHOULD I KNOW?

WE COULD DO MORE TESTS, I SUPPOSE.
BUT WHO UNDERSTANDS YOUR PHYSIOLOGY WELL ENOUGH TO KNOW WHAT'S NORMAL?
YOUR RESTING HEART RATE IS NEAR STOPPED. YOUR BODY TEMPERATURE SLIGHTLY ELEVATED. BLOOD PRESSURE NEXT TO NOTHING.
IS THAT GOOD? BAD? I DON'T KNOW.
DO YOU?
NO.
NO. I HAVE NO IDEA.
WE'VE NEVER REALLY BEEN ABLE TO DO EXTENSIVE TESTS ON MY PHYSIOLOGY BEFORE. IT COULD BE FINE, OR --
-- OR IT COULD BE TOTALLY BAD. YEAH.
IF I WERE YOU, I'D GO SPEND THE NEXT SEVERAL DAYS WITH SOME FAMILY -- OR -- YOU KNOW -- ONLINE FRIENDS.
SAY GOODBYE -- STUFF LIKE THAT. JUST IN CASE.
AWESOME BEDSIDE MANNER, DUDE.

I DON'T DO DEAD.
EXCELLENT.
TOTALLY EXCELLENT.
NOW, HOW ABOUT WE LOOK AT THAT APPENDIX OF YOURS?
WE HAVE SOMETHING FAR MORE PRESSING TO DEAL WITH, HERE, MISTER MOHLMAN.
YOU BEING BROUGHT HERE IS ALL OVER THE NEWS, SUPERMAN, AND THE FACT THAT YOU WERE INJURED -- OR POSSIBLY DEAD --
-- AN EASY TARGET FOR ANYONE LOOKING TO MAKE A NAME FOR THEMSELVES.
THINGS HAVE ESCALATED.
OH, NO.

LOOK!
GET A SHOT OF THAT, GUZMAN!
MPD
FIRE AT WILL!

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN -- IT'S SUPERMAN AND --
-- HE DEFINITELY LOOKS TIRED, AND WEAK, AND --
-- AND YES -- INJURED.
SUPERMAN IS INJURED.
WHERE'S MY GREEN FLAG?
YOU HEARD IT HERE FIRST, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, SUPERMAN IS WOUNDED AND APPEARS TO BE BLEEDING.
IT'S TRUE!
HE'S VULNERABLE!
THAT, OF COURSE, MEANS HIS VAUNTED INVULNERABILITY HAS EITHER BEEN DIMINISHED SOMEHOW, OR NEGATED ENTIRELY --

SUPERMAN IS MIIIIINE!
AAAAAH!
I'D BETTER GET IN ON THIS.
I'LL -
NO! YOU -- ARE NOT GOING ANYWHERE, AND I'M STAYING IN HERE TO PROTECT YOU.
YOU'RE INJURED -- NO ONE KNOWS HOW BADLY, AND --
SO I'M LESS STRONG THAT'S NOT GOING TO STOP TWO OF THE JLA'S BEST FROM HELPING OUT DOWN THERE

CHOOOM
:HHNH!:
KRAKWHOOM
OHGODOHGOD! DON'TLETMEDIE!
WHOA. NICE GLUTEAL DEVELOPMENT

GUZMAN! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
TO GET TO A SAFE DISTANCE!
THIS THING HAS AN EXCELLENT ZOOM! I CAN GET THIS ALL FROM ACROSS THE STREET AND NOT GET KILLED!
BUT THE MONEY SHOT IS HERE!
NO ONE ELSE WILL HAVE THIS FOOTAGE BUT US, JERMAINE!
RIGHT IN THE HEART OF IT! RIGHT WHERE THE ACTION IS!

AAAAAAH!
FWEEEN
AH, GOD
JERMAINE?
HEY, JACK?
WHEN DOES A NEWSMAN STOP BEING A NEWSMAN?
WHEN HE BECOMES A PART OF THE STOOOOOORY
JERMAINE?!
JERMAINE?!

HEY, YOU GUYS HEAR?
THERE'S A MASSIVE FIGHT GOING ON OUT--
KABOOOOM
--FRONT.

KWHOOM
THOOM
AAAH!
WHAT IN GOD'S NAME --
IS EVERYONE ALL RIGHT?
YES!
YEAH.
I THINK SO.
GREAT. GLAD TO HEAR IT.
NOW, IF YOU COULD ALL -- PLEASE -- MOVE QUICKLY AND CAREFULLY TO SAFETY.
WHOO!
SZZRAK
THEY SAID YOU WERE WEAK AND NEAR DEATH.
GUESS IT'S TRUE WHAT THEY SAY -- YOU CAN'T TRUST THE MEDIA.

BUT YOU CAN TRUST TECHNOLOGY--
-- AND YOU ARE BLEEDING AND MOVING SLOW -- ALTHOUGH YOU'RE PRETENDING IT'S INTENTIONAL --
SZZRAK
SZZRAK
-- SO IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME --
FWEEEN
-- BEFORE I FIND SOMETHING --
ZZWWOON
ZZWWOON
ZZWWOON
SZZRAK
-- IN MY LITTLE, INTERDIMENSIONAL STASH OF WEAPONS --
SSZZWHOOP
-- THAT WORKS.
CHICK-KLACK

PUNKT
WELL WHADDYA KNOW?
LET'S HEAR IT FOR CONVENTIONAL.
Next: R.I.P. SUPERMAN!